

NEWS of the WORLD

DIG SKATE RACE IS ON TOMORROW

Seven Speedy Roller Racers Start Six Day Event in Expo Rink.

At the Exposition roller skating rink tomorrow evening seven of the fastest professional roller skaters who ever raced on the coast will start on a six days' race. All of these men have records of a mile in less than 2:05, and during the course of their racing should cover fully 60 miles. They will race 30 minutes each night.

These races are given to the skating enthusiasts as a sort of a treat by the management of the rink. They start each evening at 8 o'clock, continuing for half an hour. With seven such good skaters entered the racing should be very good.

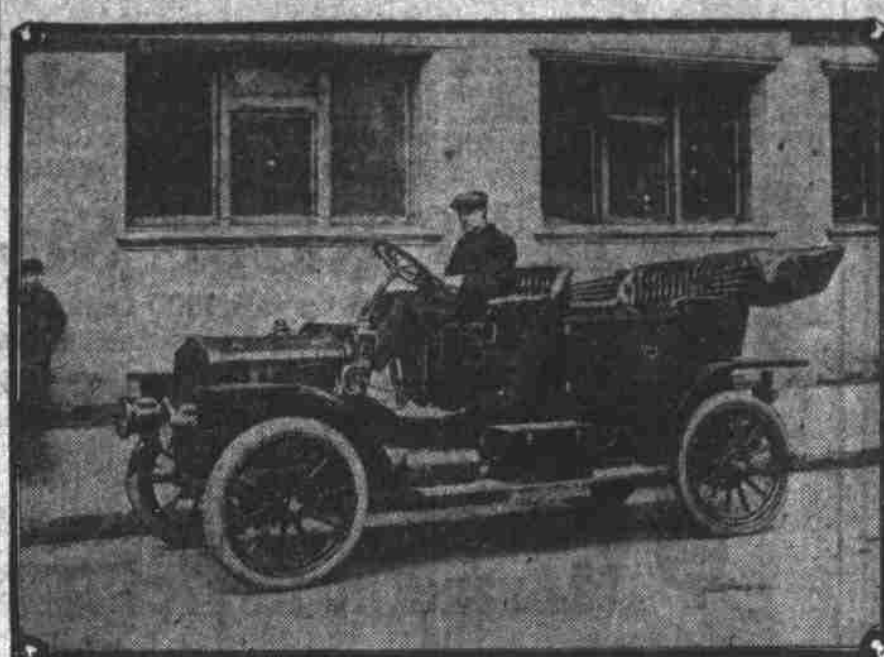
A number of purses have been hung up for the racers. There are first, second and third places, a purse for the man making the greatest distance each night, one for the greatest distance in any one night and one for the greatest distance in the week.

Roller skate racing is one of the most thrilling and interesting of sports. There is never a moment when any one can claim to be reasonably sure of himself, for the slightest slip, especially on the turns, may relegate him away to the rear. On the turns, when the skaters are bunched, there is a line of skaters all turning in perfect lock step. Should one man slip he must necessarily fall to the rear of that line in order to once more resume his step. The knowledge of this keeps the spectator continually on the lookout. Top speed is maintained practically all the time the skaters are working, with each man trying his best to gain a lap on his rivals. The moment you see one man start a sprint in an endeavor to gain a lap on his adversaries you will see every other skater in the bunch increase his speed, fearful lest his opponent may gain some slight advantage.

Harold Card, the winner of the six day race at the Oaks last year, is probably the best known man of the bunch who will race here this winter. He became a great favorite during his race then and was a most popular winner. He hopes to be able to win again this winter. Another local lad is Roy Fuller. He has shown wonderful speed in his work lately and earned a place in the roller event. Eddie Holt, the Chicago newsboy, who won the long race in Seattle and Tacoma, is another dangerous contender.

But with all the class of the local boys it is believed that a goodly portion of interest will center in the out of town entries. There is Wallace H. Ricard, the fleet Minneapolis lad who arrived in Portland last night from Spokane, where he had just won a series of races. Another boy of fame in the west is Archie Waldstein, who won the big race at Riverview park, Chicago, last year. Ross Copeland, the manager of the rink at The Dalles, is another entry. He is a heavy man, but

WHITE STEAMER AFTER NEW SPEED CLIMBING RECORD



Nineteen hundred nine model O, 20 horsepower White steamer, now on exhibition at J. B. Kelly's White garage. This is the car with which Forrest C. Smithson, Oregon's world champion hurdler, will endeavor to establish a new record for speed up Portland Heights. Smithson will make the attempt in a couple of weeks. He will start at Twenty-third and Washington and drive to Council crest. Smithson says the machine is in fine climbing order and he expects to establish a fast record. He is seen at the wheel of the car.

GIRLIES, BE SURE AND LEAVE MUFFS AT HOME

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—"Last night, rather this morning, about 1:30," said a man in an Olive line car, throwing his arm over the back of the seat and speaking straight into his friend's ear, "I came in on the Clayton road in my new Burns-40. I've had the car a month, but I hadn't before had a chance to try it out."

"The road was clear. It was a bright night, and I just cut loose. The speedometer indicated 60 miles an hour for a little over a mile. I give you my word of honor that's what it said. Say, it was fearful and exhilarating. Going some?" Well, I guess.

"I had two young women and another friend with me, and when I stopped at the home of one of them she began to poke around under the robes for her muffs. Then we all searched, but we couldn't find it. She had one of these fancy, feather things they call muffs—they're all show, you know. But we couldn't find it and had about concluded it had dropped out, when the owner

"LOHENGGRIN" PLAYED ON AUTOMOBILE HORN

Grand opera with an automobile horn and an air bottle is the newest discovery in the motor world. Necessity has been the invention, like in all other cases, for when the Gabriel Horn company was asked by the show committee of the recent exhibit at the Grand Central Palace, New York, to favor the audience with a selection from "Lohengrin" on its chimes, the company was in a quandary for the necessary power to carry out the program.

The Gabriel horn is operated by the exhaust gases of the automobile engine, but as no automobiles were permitted to operate at the show, some other means had to be devised or discovered. A happy thought struck the company, and he arranged for the use of a Goodyear air bottle to replace the exhaust gas of the automobile engine.

"How many 'Lohengrins' are in an air bottle?" asked the proprietor of the horn. The bottle man knew how many, but the bottle would inflate, but on musical questions he was not an authority and he said so. But the arrangement was made, and for the remainder of the show daily concerts of grand opera and popular songs were given by the horn and the bottle.

MOTOR CYCLING WILL TAKE PLACE OF BIKE

The prediction is being freely made that within the next three years there will be as many motorcycles used as when the bicycle craze was at its height. Already the people are beginning to appreciate the two wheeled motor car and in some parts of the country, especially on the Pacific coast, where virtually all the year round riding can be enjoyed, there are hundreds of machines in daily use. Los Angeles holds the palm at present, and it claims to be the greatest motorcycle city of the world. Portland is well up on the list.

The acceptance of the motorcycle is due to the improvements being made in the machine, both in appearance and cleanliness. The new machines are constructed along graceful lines; the machinery has been simplified and can be easily controlled. The riding qualities have been improved, and the jerky, uncomfortable, disagreeable which first models unsightly and uncomfortable have been done away with.

One of the main things which pleases the manufacturer with the prospects is the growing demand for the tandem, which means that the women are going to be introduced to the new vehicle and that the revival of the social clubs and events of the old "bike" days is beginning.

SEA TALE OF A WANDERER

Norwegian Naturalist Is at Nome Following Amazing Adventures.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Nome, Jan. 30.—J. Koren, a Norwegian field naturalist from Tromsø, Norway, who has been in this city for months quietly practicing his art of taxidermy with a friend and former shipmate on the Amundsen Arctic expedition, today gave out an exciting story of a terrible experience of a shipwreck and a Robinson Crusoe life with ten others on Possession Island in the Crozet group of the South Indian ocean in 1906. The story is published for the first time in the Daily Gold Digger this afternoon.

Koren's story shows the many thrilling experiences he has passed through in the last four years, and this is the first time any incident has been given as to his whereabouts.

Koren says that after he and his ten associates were shipwrecked on Possession Island they went to Tasmania and Melbourne, and then into the heart of Australia. They finally grew tired of prospecting, made their way to the coast and took a sailing ship bound for Hong Kong. Later they went to Vladivostok and then to the Tchukotsk peninsula, Siberia, on an ethnographical collecting trip.

The little craft they were on was shipwrecked and their entire outfit was lost with the exception of the valuable collection they had secured at Vladivostok. Koren came here last October on the schooner Adler and has been living here quietly, not wishing to gain any prominence on account of his hard luck. He will remain here until navigation opens and then return to Norway and make a report of his failure to his government.

HOME COMFORTS MODERN AUTO

Combination Tourist and Dining Car Attracts Much Attention at the Shows.

One of the unique and interesting features of the Los Angeles automobile show was the Tourist dining and sleeping car. With this novel automobile you can travel as comfortably and as well as if you occupied a compartment in a transcontinental limited.

The body is constructed with a straight double seat in front, instead of the usual individual seats. The back of this seat is hinged at the bottom and when let down toward the rear completely fills the space between the front seat and the tonneau cushion. A padded rail, hinged to the front seat cushion, extends downward to the foot boards and can be raised on a level with the other cushions and is held in this position by two folding supports that disappear when the rail is not in use. This gives an exceedingly comfortable bed, upholstered with the finest hair and springs six feet, four inches long, and of ample width for two persons.

A special design dresser type trunk, located on a strong trunk rack at the rear of the car, contains blankets, towels and linen. The trunk is water and dust proof and can be securely locked. The car is equipped with a fine cap top and can be completely enclosed with storm curtains, having fiberoil windows on all sides, giving excellent light and view when in place. Inner curtains drop over these windows, insuring complete privacy when the car is being used for sleeping purposes.

Plenty of Light.
Four six candle power Tungsten lamps with a reflector are attached to the top, giving an abundance of light to read by at night. A storage battery in the battery box on the step furnishes power for these lights, the switch being conveniently located so that it is accessible from the front seat or tonneau. All the wiring is carefully concealed and from any liability of short circuiting or damage. The top can be folded back in the regular manner without injuring the lamps or wiring.

The preparations for retiring can all be made in a very few minutes and the touring car is changed into a delightful night's rest, though it may be miles from civilization.

Upon arising the morning the conveniences for dressing are found to be as complete as those in a Pullman car. Your boxes are close at hand in two small hammocks hung from the sides of the top. When the bedding is removed and the back of the front seat replaced in position a folding dresser is disclosed, the lid of which lowers to a horizontal position, making a dressing table 14x16 inches. A lid is raised into a slanting position and one is pleasantly surprised to find a fine oval French plate mirror and a dressing case containing a hairbrush, comb and other small articles can be carried.

A toilet case especially designed for this car carries a complete combination set of toilet manicure and stationery articles, such as comb, brush, hand mirror, needles and thread, buttons, nail file and polisher, pencils, pens and paper. This case when folded occupies a space only 7x9x3 1/2 inches.

Dining Arrangements.

The dresser folds compactly together, the back of the seat is lifted out of position and a folding dining table 22 by 48 inches appears. This table is carried by a folding arm and is held in position by a locking device. The table is so arranged that it can be passed out of the car between the body of the top when the meal is being prepared. An imported basket, carrying a full set of dishes and silverware, sandwiches, glasses, bottles and stationery articles, is conveniently located on the left side board of the car. The basket is held in position by a locking device and is easily reached from the rear, is water and dust proof. A full set of automobile aluminum cooking utensils also carried in a specially designed box.

A gas tank is carried, that not only supplies gas for the headlights, but is connected with one burner gas stove furnishing heat for cooking. When everything has been prepared on the table, two persons can sit in the tonneau and two on the front seat, which, with the back removed, enables them to face the rear. The table swings into position, resting on four small lugs that fit into sockets on the tonneau doors. A single lined refrigerator is also carried on the step.

With this car a party could travel wherever the members pleased and be entirely independent of hotel service.

For Lockwood's Arrest.
An order for a warrant of arrest of Charles E. Lockwood was filed in the county clerk's office today. The clerk alleged that Lockwood was ordered to turn over to the court a certificate of deposit of \$200 which he had not done and the order is issued as the result of his contempt of said order. "It is a matter that has been thrashed out a dozen times in the courts before," said the clerk. Lockwood yesterday, "I was representing the estate of Mary Lynch and when I was ordered to pay over the \$200 a questioned the legality of the order and kept the money as attorney's fees for a great deal of work I did on the case."

Tests by German physiologists have demonstrated that when a person is deprived of sleep it is the brain that suffers most, while when the body is deprived of food the brain holds its own the longest of all the organs.



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BENNETT SELLS EXPENSIVE CAR

Spokane Real Estate Dealer Buys Stoddard Dayton—Gossip of the Dealers.

The most expensive and handsomely fitted car ever sold in the northwest was disposed of last week to Arthur D. Jones, a wealthy real estate man of Spokane, by the Spokane agency of the Fred A. Bennett Automobile company. The machine is a Stoddard Dayton limousine. Mr. Jones bought at the same time a 7-passenger Stoddard Dayton touring car.

The car bought by Mr. Jones is an exact duplicate of the car used for stock purposes at the local branch of the firm and is magnificently equipped throughout. The leather work is all of the finest French kid. The color scheme is black throughout. The interior of the car is lighted by three tiny electric lights, one of which is movable and can be pressed into service in order to find articles on the floor of the car. Then there is an electric cigar lighter, an ash tray and cigar holder. The car is fitted for seven passengers, five inside and two outside.

Mr. Jones is one of the greatest automobile men in the northwest and has already had fourteen makes of machines. He has a great deal of use for his machines in showing people over the city.

Confident that he will be able to solve the problems of the economical use of gasoline, Mr. Jones is spending a small fortune in experiments in Omaha, Neb.

The Crews Motor Car company has sold a 30-horsepower Stearns racer to a local man who wishes his name withheld. This car is to be entered in the Rose festival races in June and it is reported that Leland, the crack driver who won the Biarritz race, will pilot the car. There is a great deal of interest locally in the car.

Theoretical companies have now taken to the automobile to economize on transportation bills. Trunks, suitcases, staterooms, travel by rail, but the "stars" travel from city to city "en motor."

E. E. Cohen last week sold his interest in the Portland Motor Car company to Mr. Minor, his former partner. Cohen left Thursday for San Francisco on a business trip.

The H. L. Keats Auto company this week sold a Packard "30" to H. H. Jones, a Packard "30" to Oskar Huber, a Pope Hartford to R. H. Wilcox of Bendleton, a Buick to Sheriff H. Crenshaw of Tillamook county, and a Pope Hartford to Elliott R. Corbett.

There are various preparations used to preserve bright brass surfaces in winter, such as radiators, lamps, levers, etc., but the cheapest is common kerosene.

The Crews Motor Car company expects a carload of Overlands this week which they expect will prove a pleasant surprise to many people who want a low priced car. They are selling for \$1250 in Portland and is a 1909 16-horsepower car, with a 34-inch wheel base, and a full lamp and magnet equipment.

New types of bugbays and many improvements embodied in the 1909 cars, particularly in the moderate-priced division of the machines selling for \$2000 or under, bid fair to be the leading features of automobile shows throughout the country this winter.

F. A. Bennett sold a 25-horsepower Stoddard Dayton touring car to W. H. Warrens of the Central Stables this week. J. Marguth of Harrisburg, purchased a Mitchell 30 and W. L. Wright of Harrisburg, a 22-horsepower Reo touring car.

It is estimated that the eight automobile factories of Detroit will turn out 50,000 cars during 1909, which, at an average value of \$2,000 per car, will amount to \$100,000,000.

Fred A. Bennett left for the east last night. He will be gone about three weeks, visiting the Chicago show and factories while gone. He will return by way of California. Frank Finger, a well-known automobile man, has been installed in charge of Bennett's new Boise agency.

Do not round corners at too great a speed. It is playing with fate to attempt to round corners on two tires besides it is bad for the tires themselves.

After operating 40-horse-drawn vehicles for sixteen years a Chicago liveryman has announced his intention of disposing of horses in favor of taxicabs.

Close observations of scientists for a number of years have proven that some of the Alpine glaciers are receding instead of advancing.

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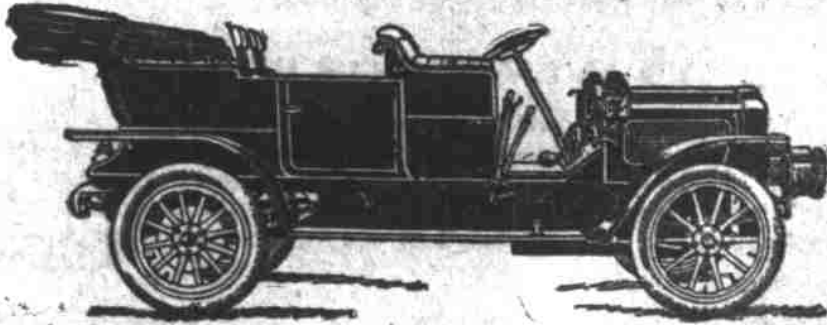
SMITH NOT IN SLEUTH WORK

Washington, Jan. 30.—Incidental to the testimony before the senate committee on judiciary relative to the Tennessee Coal and Iron company absorption, Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith of the bureau of investigations today told something of investigations which are proceeding under his direction into the affairs of several of the great corporations and alleged trusts.

Concerning the United States Steel corporation, Mr. Smith said the inquiry thus far was confined to an investigation of prices, profits and cost of production. "This information was being gathered," he said, "not with a view to prosecute."

"We do not consider that our duty in the way of a prosecuting agent," said Commissioner Smith.

Warrant Out for Watts.
As a result of the case in the police court, in which E. W. Shaver, agent of the Alaska building, was fined \$10 for assault on John F. Watts, a lawyer who had been ejected from the building, a warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of Watts, who is charged by Shaver with defacing a building. The bail is given as \$100. Police officers tried in vain to find Watts yesterday.



1909 Qualities of the White Steamer

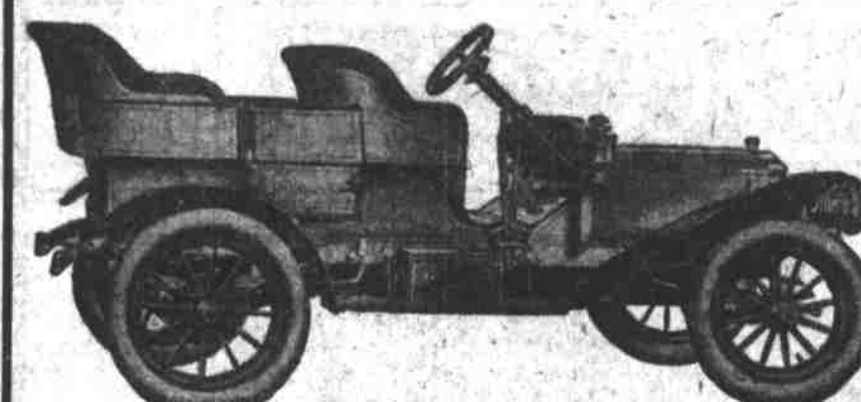
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